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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A sales system for selling, over a network, inheritance information of one or more self-controlling type robots, which voluntarily decide actions, the system comprising;

a first terminal, coupled to the network, for registering inheritance information associated with one or more of said robots,

wherein said inheritance information is behavioral data of a self-controlling robot, which includes data that is constant as the self-controlling robot ages and learns and data that changes as the self-controlling robot ages and learns;

a second terminal, coupled to the network, for purchasing desired inheritance information selected from the registered inheritance information; and

a sales server, coupled to the network, for receiving the registered inheritance information and for selling the registered inheritance information,

~~wherein said inheritance information is made up of a plurality of characteristics,~~

~~wherein at least one of said plurality of characteristics is determined by a combination of corresponding characteristics of at least two parent robots and is not affected by aging and learning, and~~

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~~wherein at least one of said plurality of characteristics is initialized by a combination of corresponding characteristics of at least two parent robots and is affected by aging and learning.~~

18.   (Previously Presented) The sales system according to claim 17 wherein said sales server comprises mating means for combining a plurality of pieces of inheritance information of a plurality of robots; and

said purchase is a purchase of new inheritance information obtained by transmitting inheritance information of a particular robot to said sales server through said second terminal and by combining said inheritance information of a particular robot with inheritance information of a desired robot by said mating means.

19.   (Previously Presented) The sales system according to claim 17 wherein said purchase is a purchase of an information recording medium in which said desired inheritance information is recorded through said second terminal.

20.   (Previously Presented) The sales system according to claim 17 wherein said purchase is a purchase of a robot having said desired inheritance information through said second terminal.

21.   (Previously Presented) The sales system according to claim 17 wherein said registered inheritance information comprises one or more of information for deciding constitution, information for deciding form, and information for deciding action of said robot.

22.   (Previously Presented) The sales system according to claim 17 wherein

said sales server comprises ID information registration means for presenting registered

inheritance information to said first terminal and said second terminal.

23.   (Previously Presented) The sales system according to claim 17 wherein

said sales server comprises memory means for storing the registered inheritance information.

24.   (Currently Amended) A sales method, over a network, comprising:

a registration step for registering inheritance information of a self-controlling type

robot for voluntarily deciding action sent from a first terminal that is coupled to the network,

wherein said inheritance information is behavioral data of a self-controlling robot,

which includes data that is constant as the self-controlling robot ages and learns and data that

changes as the self-controlling robot ages and learns; and

a sales step for selling the inheritance information of said robot registered by said

registration step through a second terminal that is coupled to the network,

~~wherein said inheritance information is made up of a plurality of characteristics,~~

~~wherein at least one of said plurality of characteristics is determined by a~~

~~combination of corresponding characteristics of at least two parent robots and is not affected by~~

~~aging and learning; and~~

~~wherein at least one of said plurality of characteristics is initialized by a~~

~~combination of corresponding characteristics of at least two parent robots and is affected by~~

~~aging and learning.~~

25.   (Currently Amended) A sales server comprising:

registration means for registering inheritance information of a self-controlling

type robot for voluntarily deciding action sent from a first terminal that is coupled to a network,

wherein said inheritance information is behavioral data of a self-controlling robot,

which includes data that is constant as the self-controlling robot ages and learns and data that

changes as the self-controlling robot ages and learns; and

sales means for selling the inheritance information of said robot registered by said

registration step through a second terminal that is coupled to the network,

wherein said inheritance information is made up of a plurality of characteristics,

wherein at least one of said plurality of characteristics is determined by a

combination of corresponding characteristics of at least two parent robots and is not affected by

aging and learning, and

wherein at least one of said plurality of characteristics is initialized by a

combination of corresponding characteristics of at least two parent robots and is affected by

aging and learning.